

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. It is respectfully submitted that this response addresses the formal matters identified by the Examiner, and therefore, that the application is in condition for allowance.

In particular, Applicants note that the abstract has been amended to remove all instances of "means" and "said", and that claim 1 has been amended to delete "the" before the phrase "said magnetic". In addition, Applicants note that the claims have been amended for improved clarity and general readability purposes, without narrowing the scope of the claims. Applicants also note that a number of editorial amendments have been made to the specification and abstract for grammatical and general readability purposes. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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